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Sir:

This supplements the Information Disclosure Statements submitted in the above-identified application on March 19, 2002, July 26, 2004 and February 18, 2005.


To comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the patent document listed on the attached PTO-1449 is submitted herewith to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application. The cited Japanese Patent Application JP 04-503445 was mentioned in an Japanese Office Action (copy attached and also submitted with an IDS on February 18, 2005). A copy of the published International Publication Application No. WO 90/09708 (based on PCT International Application No. PCT/GB90/00169) is also enclosed on which the Japanese document is based.

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Respectfully submitted,

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